

First Book Letter

September 2015

Dear Family,

Your first grade child will be selecting and bringing home a book from the Media Center on a weekly basis. Your first grader will check out a book on _____ during media class.

The children may keep their book for one week. The media book is 'due' the following week on the day their class has media. Only one book may be checked out at a time, so it is important that the children remember to return their books the following week. If your child finishes the book before the next media class, s/he may return the book and choose another to take home.

In order to ensure that the books in our media center conform to district curriculum, DESE standards and provide for recreational reading, media specialists collaborate to choose books by studying professional journals and reading reviews. With limited funds in the library book budget, it is essential that we keep the books in our collection in good condition. Please help your child to set aside a special place at home to keep his/her book so that it will not be lost or damaged by younger children or pets.

Children who do not return their books on time will not be allowed to check out another book until they bring back the book they have previously borrowed. Parents are responsible for replacing or reimbursing the cost of a book, by check only, if it is lost or damaged. Checks are made out to: Shrewsbury Public Schools.

We welcome parents to visit the media center at any time to familiarize themselves with our program. The media center will be open during fall parent conferences, please stop by and visit. The Media Program strives to provide a joyful and enriching first library experience while challenging children to become life-long library users. Parents help in this process by encouraging children to choose "just right" books for their reading and interest levels and those books, which reflect family values. In addition, parents can help children by sharing books the children select and by promoting sound library habits. **If your child chooses a book which you feel is not suitable for him/her, s/he may stop by the media center and exchange it at any time for another book.**

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Christy Minton

Elementary Media Specialist